

# **KILNINVER AND KILMELFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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The meeting of the above Council was held on 8th April 2008 at the Village Hall.

**Present:** Robin Grey (RG), Nigel Mitchell (NM), Lindsay Davies (LD).

Also in attendance were Chief Inspector Fred Hall, PC Kevin Moffat and 14 members of the public.

**1. Apologies :** Robin Asbury, Alasdair Oatts, Cllr Donald MacDonald, Cllr Elaine Robertson, Jenny Moody, Angus McFadyen, Jane Rentoul.

Robin Grey (chair for this meeting) updated those present about the situation regarding vacant position of Chairperson. The Community Councillors have met since the last Community Council meeting and there are no proposals at present for an election. Robin Asbury as Vice Chair will assume the duties of Chairman in the meantime. With 5 Community Councillors there are no anticipated problems regarding achieving a quorum but legal advice is being sought on this matter.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 12<sup>th</sup> of February, were taken as read. These were proposed by NM, seconded by LD.

**3. Matters Arising from previous meeting:**

- a. Roads Issues- hedge at phone box- newly cut to satisfactory condition.
  - white lines at Degnish Road, Dalavich Road and parking bays in Kilmelford - no reply at present. Carry over to next meeting.
- b. Speed Limit in Kilmelford- Procedure has begun to have this assessed. Require now to await assessment by A & B Council Roads department and Strathclyde Police. C.I. Hall added that traffic calming measures more effective than reducing speed limits.

Chief Inspector Hall took this opportunity to introduce himself. As the new Chief Inspector in Oban, Lorn and the Isles he is attending Community Council meetings to introduce himself to the localities. He hopes to attend meetings and encourage liaison with Community Councils. He is encouraging the local police to be on the streets. He is prioritising the work against drugs and has established a drug squad. He is keen to improve the safety of the area.

- c. Bus Shelters in Kilmelford- not replaced. Carry over to next meeting.
- d. Blaran Road End- Awaiting report from Bus Company. Carry over to next meeting.
- e. Kilninver Notice Board- Grant of £275 approved. Awaiting payment.
- f. Weeds in Scammadale- no reply at present. Carry over to next meeting.
- g. Community defibrillator- Jeff Dawson from ambulance service has volunteered to come to June meeting to speak on this topic. Chairman asked for show of hands from interested parties. In view of poor response from those present, Community council will decide on further appropriate action.

**4. Land around Kilmelford Village Hall.**

Site meeting took place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008, with 5 Local Councillors, clerk to the planning committee and Ian McIntyre, planning officer visiting the land in question. Ian McIntyre is in opposition to the proposal. The local councillors have produced resolutions

supporting the proposal which have been forwarded to the Councils legal Department in order to be made competent in order for this issue to move forward.

#### **5. Kilninver Primary School Staffing Issue.**

LD read out letter from Kilninver School Parent Council to Ms Carol Walker, Head of Services for Primary and Pre-Five Education, highlighting a projected problem regarding pupil roll and staffing quota for academic year 2008-2009. With the current roll, the number of children on the date of assessment for staffing levels is expected to be 19 which would result in a change from 2.67 to 1.9 teachers. If the roll were 20 the staffing would remain unchanged. The letter asks for consideration of the teacher numbers not to be lowered because of the likely rise in numbers of children due to the Glebe development. The Parent Council would like the support of the community, Community and Local Councillors in this matter and will inform the Community Councils as to the response to this letter.

#### **6. Planning Applications:**

1. Installation of 6 kw wind turbine at Barnacarry. No issues raised.
2. Erection of extension at Traiguaine. No issues raised.

#### **7. Correspondence:**

1. Post watch newsletter
2. Scottish Parliament invitation to participate in Climate Change Bill Consultation.
3. Area Committee Document Pack including minutes of Area Committee meeting, Oban Harbour Group Meeting minutes, Information on town twinning, Leisure and education development Grants, Planning Application Report.
4. RAF Community Relations Officer. Offering presentation on need for low flying training.

#### **Any Other Competent Business**

1. John Stannard updated the meeting on the issue re. sight lines at Arduaine Pier. The Enforcement Officer is currently establishing ownership details before detailing where fence will be moved to. To be carried forward to next meeting.
2. Neil McCorkindale asked for the support of the Community Council regarding new planting of Laurel bushes along the verge at the entrance of Scammadale. The landowner has declined to remove them despite the fact they are highly toxic to livestock. RG/RA will seek advice from Cllr McIntyre regarding this issue. To be carried forward to next meeting.
3. RG confirmed that RA has written a letter of thanks to Neil Manchester for all the hard work he has done for the Community Council and the Community as a whole over the past 10 years. Georgina Dalton asked if a copy of this could go in the Kilninford News. RG to forward a copy to GD.

#### **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting of Kilninver and Kilmelford Community Council will be held in the Kilmelford Village Hall on Tuesday 10th of June at 8pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.